

# 41 BURNED TO DEATH.

Priglit Calamity at a Christmas Festival in Oregon.

## SIXTEEN BADLY INJURED.

Overturned Lamp Started a Fire in a Crowded Hall in Silver Lake.

MANY TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT.

Scene of the Disaster is 150 Miles From a Telegraph Office.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 20.—

News has just reached here that a horrible calamity occurred at Silver Lake, Lake County, Ore., on Christmas Eve, in which forty-one persons were burned to death and sixteen badly injured, five of whom will die.

A crowd had assembled in Christmas Brothers' Hall, to attend a Christmas festival. While the festivities were at their height, some one climbed on a bench from which to get a better view of what was going on. In so doing, his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, overturning it. The oil immediately caught fire. Everything being made of a dry and inflammable nature, the room was soon a mass of flames. Some one shouted, "What the door and keep quiet; it can be put out."

By this time the confusion was so great that people began scrambling in a vain endeavor to reach the door. Women and children were trampled under foot, and many were injured. The fire spread rapidly, and the fire being the majority of the crowd and the door, many rushed headlong into the flames. The dead are:

MRS. JOHN BUCK and two children, J. J. BUCK and daughter.

MRS. SNELLING.

MRS. HOWARD and two children.

MRS. O. HEARTS and wife.

MRS. COBURN.

FRANK WEST, wife and two children.

ED BOWEN.

MISS MCATLEY.

T. J. LARSEN and child.

MRS. WARD.

MRS. A. BATHUR.

FRANK HORNING.

MRS. PAYNE.

MRS. NETTIE WILLIAMS and child.

W. CLAY MARTIN and wife.

ROBERT SWARTZ and child.

MRS. ELLA WARD and child.

FRANK ROSS, mother and sister.

A child of Roy Ward.

Mrs. HAMILTON.

Mrs. GUS SCHROEDER and child.

These five injured are likely to die:

Mrs. T. J. LARSEN, Mrs. Robert Snelling and child, Edward Payne and child.

The building, a two-story frame structure, contained Christmas Bros' store. In the first floor was the hall which was erected for gatherings of all kinds.

Silver Lake is a small village in Lake County, Ore., about 100 inhabitants, and it is 150 miles from the nearest telegraph office.

The news was brought here by stage from Silver Lake. Only meagre particulars were known, as the little town is in a frenzy of excitement and grief.

## BIG FIRE IN LOUISVILLE.

Several Buildings Burned and Loss May Reach \$500,000.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—Fire broke out between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning in the five-story building of Stockley, Brent & Co., general merchandise, on Sixth street, between Main and Water. Three alarms were quickly turned in, as the building is located in the business portion of the city. The entire department were soon on the ground, but the fire spread rapidly, soon gutting the Stockley, Brent & Co. building and communicating to the four-story building occupied by J. H. Ganssle & Co., millinery, burned its way through to Main street.

In a short time the building was also completely gutted. The building of F. A. Ganssle & Co., toy and notions, adjoining Quaker street, was also completely gutted, and the building of C. H. Bliss & Co., gent's furnishings and hosiery, to north of the building, was also under control.

\$200,000 Fire at Toledo.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 20.—The Dayton hotel, Michigan Elevator B burned at 9 o'clock this morning and is a total loss. About half a million bushels of wheat was in store, the loss on which will be \$200,000.

Board of Street-Opening.

The present Board of Street-Opening and Improvement met for the last time on Tuesday to decide on the maps of the Twenty-third Ward, all the streets within the triangular territory, bounded by Mohawk and Canal streets, and Adams avenue, known as sections 2, 3 and 4. The triangle is a waste of money.

Wild and Woolly Football.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 20.—A quarrelsome fight was held here, which insured a football game between the Y. M. C. A. eleven and the Chicago University eleven, on the return of the latter from the Pacific Coast.

## Rheumatism

Cannot be cured with liniments or other outward applications. The cause of the pain and aches is in the blood. Purify your blood and the rheumatism will be cured. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier.

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Standard blood purifier, and Hood's Sarsaparilla has permanently cured hundreds of cases of rheumatism.

If you are suffering, do not delay. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla.

There were some expressions that

Chief Brennan acted wrongly in going to the Committee chamber, and that

Brennan said that Brennan had done the same thing a hundred times, and that

Chief Brennan was terribly affected

over Chief Brennan's tragic death

Rooney, who was assistant foreman of

Truck 12, was to have been made a

foreman to-day.

# TWO FIREMEN'S FATEFUL FATE.

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nan, and seeing that he had a stubborn

head to deal with, he, on reaching the

scene, at once turned in a second alarm.

The smoke by that time was rolling out

in great volumes, and the roaring of the

flames could be distinctly heard, al-

though at that time little of it could be

seen from the outside.

With arms in hand Brennan, Rooney

and half a dozen others smashed in the

doors on the ground floor. Then while

those behind brought along the hose the

Chief and Rooney fought their way to

the fourth floor.

On the fourth floor, directing their

movements, was Chief Brennan. By his

side stood Assistant Foreman John

Rooney, of Truck 12. The men on the

stairs were William Hennessy, as-

istant foreman of engine 18; Edward Far-

rell, engine 19; Frank Cogan, engine 18;

John Tackney, engine 14; Marion Galvin,

engine 14; Michael Arnetty, engine 18,

and James James McCutchen, of

Engine 18.

Then Came the Crash.

The fire had eaten away the big floor

beams which supported the roof, and

the tank crashed through the fifth floor,

burying Brennan and Rooney, who were

on the floor beneath, in the ruins.

As these men worked on the narrow

stairway, suddenly there came a great

crash, as if some heavy body had been

falling, and the stairway and portion of

the floor above the firemen gave way,

burying every one of them beneath.

The men on the stairway were panned

in where they stood, but Fireman Tack-

ney had still room enough to swing the

hose which he held in his hands. But all

he could do was to cut the stairway be-

neath him on which he stood. Blow after

blow he delivered while the flames

roared around on every side. Arnetty

had been caught by a timber so that he

was held fast in such a position that the

flames reached him. The heavy rubber

coat which he wore protected him for a

time from the fire, but it had burned

through the rubber coat, the overcoat,

to his very skin, before the others who

had been working over him while Tack-

ney chopped the hole were able to re-

lease him.

When the hole was cut, Cogan drop-

ped through it to the stairway below, and

was followed by the others. When

Tackney tried to get through, he found

that he had not cut the hole big enough

for himself, and when he got half way

down he was wedged in. The hole had

last man to get through the hole had

to get on Tackney's shoulders and force

him through.

Brennan and Rooney Missing.

All these men were more or less

burned about the hands and face, where

the flames had caught them while they

stood panned waiting for the hole to

be cut that was to give them liberty and

life. Hennessy was the more badly in-

jured, and he was badly sprained ankle. He

was taken to the New York Hospital, with

Farrell, Cogan and McCutchen.

It was not until these men got from

the building that it was seen that Chief

Brennan and Rooney were missing.

Chief Rooney, who had been working

in the fire, was to be informed of the prob-

able fate of the two brave firemen. They

would have to leave the building, as the flames

would without doubt destroy it. Already

the great flames were bursting over the

roof of the factory building and licking

the sides of the priests' house.

Under the guidance of Father Wucher,

the priests gathered up the most valu-

able things in the house and carried them

through the Church of St. Vincent de

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accumulated by the committee during the

past eight months, and emphasizing

certain points, as well as making a

valley address, for this is to be his

last appearance as chief counsel-exam-

iner at the Committee, as he has been

to the determination he has already ex-

pressed.

Mott Among Early Arrivals.

At 10:30 there were scarcely a score of

persons in the Committee chamber, none

of the Senators or counsel having yet

arrived. Among those present was As-

sistant United States District Attorney

John O. Mott, who was mentioned by

Printer Streep two days ago in connec-

tion with the alleged payment of \$10,000

to Anthony Comstock for the purpose of

securing the dismissal of two indictments

against him in the United States Court.

Mr. Mott would say whether or not

he intended to make any statement

to the Committee, or he would come

for the purpose of seeking an opportu-

nity to make a statement, or he would

be here to watch developments.

He replied, in answer to a question

put to him, that he intended to de-

cline to say what I intend to do.

"Uncle" Dan Bradley Pleaded.

Senator Dan Bradley, who, as usual,

was the first member of the Committee

to arrive, said that in looking over the

work since the beginning he was amazed

at what had been accomplished. "I am

proud to be a member of such a com-

mittee," he said, "and I can say that

I have been a member of it for some

time. I am proud to be a member of it

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